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TAGS: OVIP (KISSINGER, HENRY A.) PFOR, CH, US

SUBJECT: VISIT OF PRC TRADE DELEGATION - PROPOSED  
MEETING WITH THE PRESIDENT

FOR WINSTON LORD FROM EA - PHILIP C. HABIB

1. WE ARE SENDING THIS IN HOPES YOU AND THE SECRETARY  
WILL HAVE A FEW SPARE MINUTES ON THE AIRCRAFT.
2. YOU WILL RECALL THAT A TEN-MEMBER DELEGATION FROM THE  
CHINA COUNCIL FOR THE PROMOTION OF INTERNATIONAL TRADE  
(CCPIT) WILL BE IN WASHINGTON SEPTEMBER 6-9 ON THE FIRST  
STOP OF ITS LONG-PLANNED VISIT TO THE UNITED STATES. THE  
GROUP IS BEING HOSTED BY THE NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR US-CHINA  
TRADE. A DELEGATION FROM THE CHINA SCIENTIFIC AND  
TECHNICAL ASSOCIATION WILL ALSO BE VISITING THE US IN LATE  
SEPTEMBER AT THE INVITATION OF ITS US COUNTERPART, THE  
COMMITTEE ON SCHOLARLY COMMUNICATION WITH THE PRC (CSC).

3. WE UNDERSTAND THAT THE SECRETARY HAS RECEIVED A  
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MEMORANDUM THROUGH NSC CHANNELS WHICH, INTER ALIA RAISES

THE POSSIBILITY OF THE PRESIDENT RECEIVING THESE GROUPS AS  
PART OF PRE-PEKING VISIT ATMOSPHERICS. I FEEL STRONGLY

THAT THE PRESIDENT SHOULD DO SO. AS YOU KNOW, WE HAVE  
BEEN ENCOUNTERING A NUMBER OF PROBLEMS AT THE OPERATIONAL  
LEVEL ON SUCH MATTERS AS TRAVEL AND THE MAYORS' VISIT.  
AT THE POLITICAL LEVEL, HOWEVER, THE CHINESE ARE MAKING  
CLEAR THAT RELATIONS ARE AS NORMAL AS THEY CAN BE WITH  
THE TAIWAN ISSUE UNRESOLVED AND THAT THE PRESIDENT IS  
WELCOME WITHOUT PRECONDITIONS. BOTH TENG HSIAO-PING AND  
CHIAO KUAN-HUA HAVE TAKEN THIS LINE WITH THE TWO RECENT  
CONGRESSIONAL GROUPS (CODELS PERCY AND ANDERSON).

4. TENG HSIAO-PING, WHO IS TO ALL INTENTS AND PURPOSES  
THE OPERATING HEAD OF THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT, HAS  
RECEIVED A NUMBER OF AMERICAN DELEGATIONS, AND WE HAVE  
HAD NO RECENT OPPORTUNITY TO RECIPROCATATE. (PRESIDENT  
NIXON RECEIVED SEVERAL GROUPS.) I CAN THINK OF NO MORE  
APPROPRIATE POLITICAL SIGNAL FOR US TO CONVEY AT THIS  
TIME THAN FOR THE PRESIDENT TO MEET WITH THESE TWO PRC  
DELEGATIONS. BOTH DELEGATIONS ARE HEADED BY VICE-  
CHAIRMEN OF THEIR RESPECTIVE ORGANIZATIONS, AND THEY  
ARE, IN EFFECT, THE HIGHEST LEVEL PRC DELEGATIONS THAT  
CAN VISIT WASHINGTON AT THE CURRENT STAGE IN THE  
NORMALIZATION PROCESS. SHOULD THE PRESIDENT RECEIVE ONE  
AND NOT THE OTHER, THIS WOULD RAISE PROBLEMS OF  
EQUIVALENCY SINCE THEY ARE BOTH OF EQUAL RANK.

5. A DECISION IS URGENTLY REQUIRED SINCE SEPTEMBER 8 AND  
9 MAY BE THE ONLY TWO AVAILABLE DAYS FOR THE CCPIT TO SEE  
THE PRESIDENT. IF YOU CONCUR, CAN YOU DO YOUR BEST TO  
GET THE SECRETARY TO FOCUS ON THIS MATTER. THUS FAR THE  
DEPARTMENT HAS NOT WEIGHED IN WITH THE WHITE HOUSE ON  
THIS ISSUE SINCE WE WERE AWARE THAT A MEMO ON THE SUBJECT  
WENT TO THE SECRETARY THROUGH NSC CHANNELS. HOWEVER, IF  
YOU AND/OR THE SECRETARY FEEL THIS WOULD BE USEFUL, WE  
CAN SEND OVER THE STANDARD SPRINGSTEEN-SCOWCROFT  
MEMORANDUM RECOMMENDING THAT THE PRESIDENT RECEIVE THE  
TWO DELEGATIONS BASED ON THE LINE OF REASONING IN  
PARAGRAPHS 2 AND 3 ABOVE.

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6. DICK SOLOMON KNOWS THAT WE ARE SENDING THIS  
MESSAGE. ROBINSON

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